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Grievance Committee in Four Specified
Cases—Justice Hooker's Defence.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Chautauqua county attorneys who have cases on the calendar for the January term of Supreme Court, which opens at Mayville to-morrow, have been busily engaged the past week in making "lawyers" agreements" to have the cases put over the term, and when the

Association will be simply the submission of the report of the grievance committee, to which the matter was referred a year ago. This report will be based upon the findings of the sub-committee, which held two sessions last summer, one at Dunkirk and the other at Fredonia, and on both occasions took voluminous testimony on the question at issue. This sub-committee consists of the first of the wife of Melvin H. Taylor, who on Nov. 9, 1899, succeeded Arthur R. Moore as postmaster at Fredonia. Mr. Taylor was a henchman of Mr. Hooker and Prof. E. W. Huffout, dean of the Cornell Hooker took an interest in the matter, as will be seen from the following letter, which is a part of the evidence before the committee: of Pulaski, John Desmond of Rochester and R. W. Johnston of Albany.

The matters under investigation are outlined at length in the report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow, who investigated various cases of alleged graft in the Post Office Department. From these matters the committee took four specific cases in which it was alleged that Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker was interested. These cases were:

The appointment of Frank P. Ball of Fredonia, N. Y., as laborer in the Fredonia post office, and the payment to him of thi \$2,532.07, for which no services were rendered. The appointment of Katherine K. Clark

of Fredonia, N. Y., to a place in the Fort Plain post office and her subsequent transfer to the Fredonia office. The appointment of Maurice Hooker, a nephew of Judge Hooker, to a position of

laborer in the Fredonia post office. The lease of a building for post office purposes in Dunkirk which was owned by Justice Hooker and State Tax Commissioner Lester F. Stearns, and the subsequent increase of rental.

is the most interesting. Mr. Ball was a ticket broker in Fredonia. The anti-scalping law was passed and be did not desire to continue his occupation. It appears from his testimony, which was given before the committee in secret session, that in 1896 be engaged in an oil deal in which Judge Hooker was interested. The project was to develop oil lands in West Virginia. Ball had a one-sixth interest. Two of the partners, he said, were Mr. Bhooker, and one W. B. Barker. He borrowed \$1,700 of Mrs. Hooker and gave her his note for that amount. The oil Sala was not successful, and at the time of his note for that amount. The oil Sala was not successful, and at the time of his note for the nome, to which were added operating expenses, &c., which brought the sum total to \$3,058.00, which amount was put in a note dated Sept. 10, 1898.

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as it is a part of the evidence before the committee that on Oct. 11, 1898, just thirty seat in Congress, this order was issued from the Post Office Department at Washington to Postmaster A. R. Moore of Fredonia:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 11, 1898.
You are hereby authorized to appoint
Frank P. Ball as laborer in your office with
a salary at the rate of \$600 per annum. You
will please make this appointment at once and forward a report of same to this office on Form A-45.

First Assistant Postmaster-General, G. W. B.

The above initials are supposed to stand for George W. Beavers, who was then superintendent of the salary and allowance division of the Post Office Department, and Postmaster Moore had no hesitancy in making the appointment. It is not disputed that the appointment was made on the recommendation of Justice Hooker, or at least that Justice, then Congressman, Hooker, was interested in the same, for out

Why did Congressman Hooker have a

As that.

Q. Can you give me any idea of how much of the money received from the Government was not used in payment of this note, either principal or interest? A. No. I could not.

Q. Was it any sam of any amount? A toolid not say that Q Would you say it was \$100.2 \text{ Would you say it and the first meeting of the committee by the first meeting of the committee of the

financial liability. Mr. Ball asserted and after transferred to the classified service

Mr. Green, the cashier in the bank, admitted that in 1899 the note was renewed matter in any way, shape or manner. Mr. Green, the casher in the bank, admitted that in 1899 the note was renewed without Mrs. Hooker's indorsement. On this point Mr. Ball spent a few uncomfortable minutes before the committee.

"Was there some arrangement regarding that—why Mrs. Hooker's name should go off?" was asked.

"Well, I was asked at different times if I could not arrange it in some way," was the

have been busily engaged the past week in making "lawyers" agreements" to have the cases put over the term, and when the calendar is called it will be swept as bare as a campaign treasury after election. The reason for this reluctance to try lawsuits at this time is due to the fact that the Hooker bearing before the State Bar Association is scheduled for Tuesday at Albany, and every lawyer who is a member of the association intends to be present if he can raise the price.

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THE KATHERINE CLARK CASE.

FREDONIA, N. Y., Dec. 9, 1899.

My DEAR MR. BEAVERS: I wish to thank you for your kind letter concerning the clerkship. I have written Mr. Sherman, teilling him I knew you would be willing to make this appointment at Fort Plain additional to those necessary in the office, and then transfer her here to Fredonia. I hope this can be done. Very sincerely yours.

W. B. Hooker.

Of all these matters, the Ball transaction is the most interesting. Mr. Ball was a ticket broker in Fredonia. The anti-scalping law was passed and he did not desire to continue his accounting the correspondence at one time and another regarding this young woman, even after Mr. Hooker had taken his place on the Supreme Court bench. For example, read this letter written on paper stamped "Supreme Court, State of New York," and dated May 5, 1900:

reads in part as follows:

THE MAURICE HOOKER CASE.

The committee has voluminous correspondence regarding the appointment of Judge Hooker's nephew as a laborer in the Dunkirk post office. This correspondence simply shows that Postmaster Taylor requested the appointment of the boy-le was then but 16 years of age—in 1902. The request was indorsed by Judge Hooker. The appointment was made and the young man carried on the Government payrois for a year and a half without rendering any appreciable service in return. This also, it should be remembered, occurred while Mr. Hooker was engaged in dispensing

THE DUNKIRK POST OFFICE BUILDING. of the records at Washington the committee unearthed the following letter:

FREDONIA. N. Y., Jan. 18, 1899.

DEAR BEAVERS: On my return home I find your letter concerning the matter of Frank P. Ball in the Fredonia Post Office. If I remember it, we talked that matter over before I left Washington, but for fear we did not, I would suggest that I have a great Inter-st be sir. Ball and want to have him retained in the classified service if possible.

Thanking your again for your kindness, I remember year—a reasonable

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\*great interest in Mr. Ball? The testimony which the committee dragged from
the reluctant lips of Mr. Ball himself may
perhaps suggest an answer. For example,
read this:

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Copies of these leases are a part of the
evidence which will be submitted by the
committee and it will be shown that the
third lease for \$2.000 per year really allows

JUSTICE HOOKER'S DEFENCE.

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matter in any way, shape or mauner.

Judge Hooker reviewed at length the negotiations regarding the rental of the Dunkirk post office building and said:

I felt certain then, and do now, that the sum of \$2,000 per annum was only a fair rental to pay for the property which the Government had use of under the lease of May 7, 1902. The Government has never, from the time of the execution of the last lease to the present, sent an inspector to talk with me in relation to a single thing in connection with anything complained of in the Bristow report.

BOY AND DOG, VAGRANTS. Mike Mulhane, Jr., Loses a Home Through

Friendship for the Mongrei.

The midnight patrol was being turned out in the Macdougal street station Saturblack dog tightly clasped in his arms, pushed open the big swinging door. The boy looked cold and sleepy; the dog seemed even more forlorn.

"Well, bub," asked Sergt. O'Brien, "what brings you out at this hour? You ought to be home in bed." "'Ain't got none now," said the little

chap. "Me and Boy is all alone. Father put us out. It's cold. Can I stay here?" "Put you out! Your father put you out a night like this!" exclaimed O'Brien. "No, not to-night," replied the boy.

"Last night." Before the sergeant could ask another question the boy, weak from hunger and cold, fell to the floor. The dog whined lease of the property. Still the track conand licked his face. Detective Dale carried him to the back room and an ambulance was called. When the surgeon examined

Mr. Hooker was engaged in dispensing justice from the Supreme Court bench.

Tolins to Captain Columbia's Chess Players.

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## CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP.

WHAT WILL THE JOCKEY CLUB DO WITH MORRIS PARK?

De Courcey Forbes, Who Has Asked for Dates, Sald to Have the Support of James B. Keene-Jake Holtman to Start Here-Griffith Praises Lajoic.

The stewards of the Jockey Club are ex-

pected to settle the question of dates some time this week. With the announcement popular racetrack in the East. Whether be officially made known, but nobody seems All the foregoing and much more will be found embodied in the report which the grievance committee will submit to the State Bar Association next Tuesday. It was a generally accepted fact that the end was a generally accepted fact that the end had come and that the beautiful racecourse would soon be cut up into building lots. This impression prevailed because it was known that the Jockey Club was opposed to the Messrs. Morris because of their attitude toward racing when the turf hung by a thread in the middle '90s. The Messrs. Morris at that time positively declined to aid those who were the means of renabilitating the turf through the passage of the Percy-Gray law at Albany. It is a matter of record that the Messrs. Morris closed their magnificent track when the fate of racing seemed blackest, nd also declared off all of the rich stakes that would have been run at Westchester at hat time. In a word, they turned their backs on the turf when it needed the support of its lost influential patrons.

When racing, however, secured a sound ooting again, the Mesers Morris had a valuable plant which they did not care to operat hemselves. Other leading members of the Jockey Club, appreciating its worth, organ-ized the Westchester Racing Association and formally leased Morris Park. Under the new management the track proved to be a no authentic denials, that the racetrac The committee also secured a letter dated Dec. 13, 1899, in which the First Assistant Postmaster-General, Perry S. Heath, directs the appointment of Miss Clark as stamper in the office at Fort Plain at a saiary of \$400 per year.

The next document in connection with this appointment is another leter from Mr. Hooker to Mr. Beavers, in which he says. Mr. Hooker to Mr. Beavers, in which he says.

"I also beg to call your attention to the appointment of Miss Katherine Clark to a clerkship at Fort Plain, N. Y., in Congressman Sherman's district. What I wish to have done is for the postmaster at that place to send her a check, or send it to you and you can send it to her, and then you transfer her to Fredonia. Will appreciate this very much if you can take it up and have it done very soon."

The transfer was made as requested. Mr. Hooker wrote a letter to Mr. Beavers April 28, 1900, in which he thanked that gentleman for what he had done.

There was considerable correspondence at one time and another regarding this young woman, even after Mr. Hooker had taken his place on the Supreme Court bench.

T. H. Murnane, president of the New England League, who attended the meeting of the National Commission in Cincinnati, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Boston. Murnane says that the

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point of partisanship and excitement. The sport is thriving in New England and in the West, too, where there are many crack teams and star players. Incidentally the rink proprietors are reaping a harvest.

TIMELY BOXING TALK. Excuses Pugilists Offer to Avoid Matches

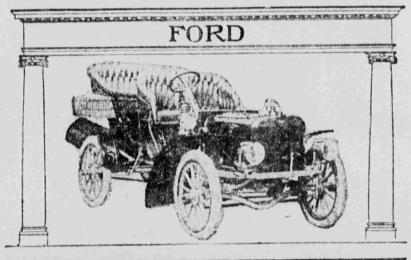
Are Many. Some pugilists, in order to avoid matches with prospective opponents, offer various excuses. The most popular seems to be the rest gag, which invariably works like a charm. The excuse habit is usually prevalent among the champions, although the second and thir raters indulge in the practice occasionally Years ago the fighter who would try to avoi a bout with a rival on some flimsy preter would be looked upon as a coward. Unless his excuse was an exceptionally good or he would immediately come in for considera ble adverse comment and if he continued to wiggie out of matches he would be altogethe

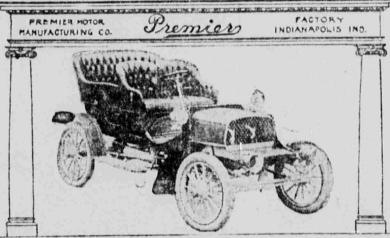
ostracized by his brother professionals According to an unwritten law in fistic circles a champion should fight as often as he can get suitable antagonists and the oppor-tunity to hold there bouts presents itself Now, however, any puglist at the head of his class who engages in mills in public more than four times a year is regarded as a freak.

Among the big men the rest cure is extremely popular. They seem to think that to battle too often is not good for their nerves and health. Heavyweights as a rule do not fight more than twice a year. Some do not try their skill against rivals as much as once it two or three years, and imagine that at this

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Handleap Other Packs Out. The regular monthly handicap run of the Mohawk A. C. took place yesterday, and in spite of the intense cold the runners covered a course of five miles. There were five

The annual meeting of the Baltusroi Golf Club for the election of officers and the routine business of a flourishing organization will be held at the clubhouse on next Saturday

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